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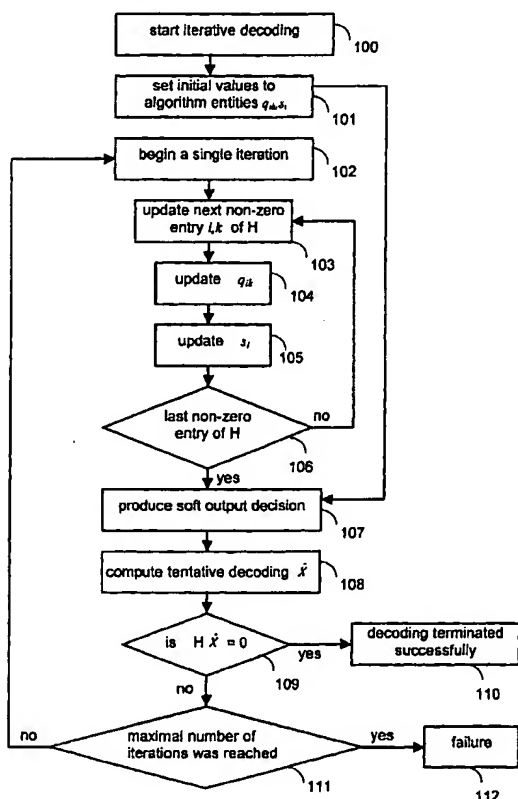
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(57) Abstract: A method of decoding a data signal using a low density parity check matrix, comprising a first stage of iteratively carrying out horizontal and vertical decoding steps to form a matrix (102) and a second stage of testing for parity (109), characterized in that the elements of the matrix are updated sequentially (104), such that each element of the matrix is employable for subsequent calculations as soon as it is updated.

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